

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 2-KS-1-01-05

Issued at: Soldotna, Wednesday, April 27, 2005

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2005

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m., Thursday, July 14, 2005, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order prohibits the filleting, heading, mutilation or disfigurement of king salmon in such a manner that would prevent the determination of the overall length of king salmon until the fish is brought to shore and offloaded from a vessel or removed from a shoreline fishing location in the fresh waters of the Kenai River that are open to king salmon fishing. This emergency order is effective from 12:01 a.m. Sunday, May 1, through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2005.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 56.023. SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE. (a)(1)(A)(v) are added by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective beginning 12:01 a.m. Sunday, May 1, 2005:

5 AAC 56.023 SEASONS; BAG, POSSESSION, AND SIZE LIMITS; AND SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR THE KENAI RIVER DRAINAGE.

(a)(1)(A)(v) a person may not possess a king salmon that has been filleted, headed, mutilated or otherwise disfigured in a manner that prevents determination of the length of fish taken until the fish is permanently offloaded from the vessel if the fish was taken from a vessel or permanently transported away from the fishing site if the fish was taken from the riverbank; for the purposes of this sub-subparagraph, "fishing site" means the riverbank where the fish was hooked and removed from the water becoming part of the person's bag limit;

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

George E. Pappas,
Area Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

In order for the Department of Fish and Game to evaluate the implementation of the slot-limit harvest strategy for king salmon in the sport fishery, as well as to enforce bag and size limits, it is imperative that Department and Public Safety representatives be able to record length measurements from harvested fish.

DISTRIBUTION:

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